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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- LIBYA'S ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC WITHOUT SEVERING ITS ROC TIES WAS SUBJECT OF PRESS SPECULATION. THE CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO; 530,000) AND CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG JIH PAO; 400,000) BOTH CARRIED AFP PEKING DISPATCH SAYING THIS SHOWS PRC HAS ABANDONED BASIC PRINCIPLE OF ITS DIPLOMATIC POLICY. DISPATCH ALSO QUOTED UNNAMED U.S. DIPLOMAT TO EFFECT THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION EFFORTS.

-- ALL PAPERS CEASELESS IN CHASING AFTER QUOTABLE CONGRESSMAN, PUBLIC FIGURES, AND PROFESSORS FOR SUPPORTIVE REMARKS CONCERNING NORMALIZATION. DETAILED COVERAGE GIVEN COUNTY AND SMALL TOWN RESOLUTIONS
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REGARDING U.S.-ROC RELATIONS. REPORTS USED TO PROMOTE BASIC CRITICISM CARTER ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT UNDERSTAND FEELINGS OF AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS. MOST REMARKS BY PUBLIC FIGURES HOWEVER STRESS NORMALIZATION SHOULD NOT BE HASTY AND U.S. SHOULD NOT ABANDON TAIWAN.
-- REAGAN FAR OUTSTRIPS OTHER PERSONALITIES IN COVERAGE

WITH LONG REHASH IN UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO; 600,000), GREAT CHINA EVENING NEWS (TA HUA WAN PAO; 60,000) AND CHINA TIMES OF HIS INTERVIEW IN AUGUST 17 U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT AS WELL AS CONTINUING COMMENTS ON HIS ASIA MAIL ARTICLE AND RUMORED TRIP TO THE MAINLAND.

-- SENATOR HELMS REQUEST THAT U.S. BUILD A NEW EMBASSY IN TAIPEI PLAYED UP BY MOST PAPERS.

-- ASEAN CONFERENCE REMARKED ON WIDELY IN PRESS WITH REPORTING GENERALLY STRAIGHT WIRE SERVICE OR REWORKING OF WASHINGTON AND OTHER SOURCES. MOST COMMENTS STRESSED FONFE SICE SHOWED CHANGE IN U.S. ATTITUDE AND RECOGNITION OF ASEAN'S IMPORTANCE. PAPERS NOTED NEED FOR U.S. TO MAKE SECURITY COMMITMENTS AS WELL AS ECONOMIC COMMITMENTS TO ASEAN. NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS (HSIN SHENG PAO; 110,000) TWICE COMMENTED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ASEAN TO THE U.S.

-- MOST PAPERS GAVE HEADLINE TREATMENT TO HOUSE APPROVAL OF A BILL TO SELL THREE U.S. NAVAL SHIPS TO ROC. CHINA TIMES DETAILED CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS AND GENERAL BACKGROUND LEADING TO SALE. FACT THAT SHIPS TWENTY OR MORE YEARS OLD AND TWO OF THEM ALREADY IN USE IN RH JTHUSISM.
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-- VISIT RBIEBOY LUMNIST ICIWORNIESEL REVEIVEBETCDDZ COVERAGE,-'(#)

NC BIGGS CONSORT PERFORMED ONE CONCERT AT TAIPEI CITY HALL TO UNUSUALLY RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 1200. CHINESE MUSIC LOVFDS RARELY IF EVER GET CHANCE TO HEAR MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE MUSIC, AND CONSORT THREW IN A LITTLE BLUEGRASS AND EVEN A MIME ROUTINE FOR VARIETY. BIGGS HAD LEARNED A TAIWANESE FOLK SONG FOR THE OCCASION, AND GREATLY PLEASED THE AUDIENCE WITH A CLOSING THANK YOU SPEECH IN MANDARIN. PRESS COVERAGE BEFORE AND AFTER CONCERT, AND ALL THREE TV STATIONS (A FIRST) ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE IN CENTER.

-- DR. YAO-CHI LU, SENIOR RESEARCH ECONOMIST, USDA, GAVE SPEECH IN LINCOLN CENTER ON "PROJECTIONS OF FUTURE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY IN U.S." UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF

JCRR. 60 SPECIALISTS INVITED BY JCRR ATTENDED.
SUPPORTED CPM OBJECTIVES 2 AND 5. AYERS

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